

REMARKS:

Claims 20-24 have been allowed.

Claims 5, 6, 10-13, 16-19, and 25-28 are hereby canceled (without prejudice and with the intention to preserve the right to pursue them in a continuing application).

Since only allowed claims remain pending, Notices of Allowability and Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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